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THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
H. Baptists.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, June 3d, 1789,
AT THE
BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSE,
IN
WORSHIP STREET,
NEAR
BISHOPS-GATE STREET,
L O N D O N,

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Horshy-down, SOUTHWARK.

MDCCLXXXIX.

AFTER seeking divine Assistance by Prayer, the following **MESSENGERS, ELDERS and REPRESENTATIVES** being present, viz. *Bothers Evershed, Boorman and Sampson Kingsford, Messengers.*

Brother *James Fenn* in the Chair, Brothers *Philpot and Wm. Kingsford* Moderators,

CHURCHES.

ELDERS.

REPRESENTATIVES.

£. s. d.

<i>Whites's Alley</i>	<i>Charles Bulkley.</i> .....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Horsly-down,</i>	<i>Joseph Brown,</i>	<i>John Jee and John Brent.</i>	1	1
<i>Glas-house yard,</i> .....	.....	<i>John Treacher and Wm. Titford.</i>	1	1
<i>Bessels Green,</i> .....	.....	<i>Robert Colgate and Wm. Burges</i>	0	10
<i>Granbrook,</i> .....	.....	<i>Joseph Dobel.</i>	1	1
<i>Ditcherling,</i> .....	.....	<i>John Dancy.</i>	1	1
<i>Waldron,</i> .....	.....	<i>Letter.</i> .....	.....	.....
<i>Berkhamstead,</i>	<i>Edward Sexton.</i> .....	.....	1	1
<i>Hythe.</i> .....	.....	.....	0	10
<i>Horsbam,</i>	<i>William Evershed,</i>	<i>John Dendy and Wm. Agate.</i>	1	1
<i>Chatbam,</i>	<i>Samuel Neale.</i> .....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Headcorn,</i>	<i>John Boorman,</i>	<i>Robert Pyall.</i>	1	1
<i>Canterbury,</i>	<i>Sampson Kingsford</i>	<i>Copper Chapman,</i>	1	1



Coggeshal.	Robert French.	0	10	6
Brensford.	John Barret.	0	10	6
Smarden.	Joseph Seaton.	0	10	6
Farnham.	John Ellis and Thomas Woodham.	0	10	6
Dever.	Stephen Philpot.	0	10	6
Wingham.	Wm. Kingsford and John Kingsford.	0	10	6
Chichester.	Michael Kingsford.	1	1	0
Portsmouth.	Letter.	0	10	6
Newport Isle.	James Fenn.	0	10	6
Deal.	Thomas Barron.	0	10	6
Millbourn.	Thomas Chapman.	0	10	6
Ramsgate.	Nathaniel Palmer, junr.	0	10	6
Horley.	Ham Stacey.	0	10	6
Burnham.	Lincolnshire Association.	0	10	6
Leicesterhire Association.	Dan Taylor, J. Deacon, A. Austin.	0	10	6
Norwich.	Ford & Aylebury.	0	10	6

On auditing the Accounts they appear as under, viz.
 Balance last Year £ 3 5 4 Received this £ 14 3 6 Paid £ 8 8 0 In Hand £ 9 0 10

THE Minutes of the Proceedings of the last Assembly were read and confirmed. A Sermon was preached by Brother *Robinson of Cambridge*, from 2 Peter iii. chap. last verse.

1st. We observe with pain a defect in general in the Letters from the several Churches, with respect to an account of their attendance to conferences, and other means of promoting the power of Religion amongst them. We therefore beg leave to repeat the advice given on this subject last Year, and intreat that in future the Churches will be particular in their account of these matters.

2d. The Churches of *Saffron Walden in Essex*, *Winslow and Wickham in Bucks*, and *Fleet in Lincolnshire* remain still unprovided with Ministers.

3d. The Slave Trade Bill is now before the House.

4th. As several of the Churches have not collected any thing for the General Baptist Fund, we think it necessary to recommend it to all our Churches not to fail of making some collection for the above purpose annually, tho' it should be ever so small, and send them to *Mr. Lowdell, Queen Street, Park, Southwark*.

5th On hearing the declining State of the Church at *Waldron*, and attending to their Request, we desire the Messengers to write to, and pay them a Visit.

6th. We have received the Friendly advice of the church at *Portsmouth*, and design next Year to send a circular Letter to all the Churches, with the Proceedings of the General Assembly; and do appoint *J. Brown* and *D. Taylor* to draw up the said Letter.

7th. A plan proposed by Brother *Taylor* to supply vacant Places, being in a general view of it approved by this Assembly, we appoint Brothers *Dan. Taylor*, *James Penn* and

and *Sampson Kingsford* to consult together and bring forward the Plan for the approbation of next Assembly.

8th. Agreed that the thanks of this Assembly be given to *Mr. Robinson* for his excellent Sermon, and that he be desired to print the same.

9th. Agreed that this Assembly do meet on *Wednesday* in *Whitsun-week*, at the Meeting-House in *Worship Street, Bishops-gate-Street, London*, in the Year 1790, and that Brother *Evershed* do preach, and on his default Brother *R. Robinson*, and that the Messengers, Elders, and Representatives of the several Churches do meet for transacting Business at *half past Nine*, and that public Service begin at *Eleven o'clock*.

10th. Agreed that the Assembly Book be deposited in the Care of *J. Brown*.

ACCOUNT of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Managers of the FUND for assisting Ministers and Students of the GENERAL BAPTIST Persuasion, from 19th May 1788 to 2d June, 1789.

Collected in LONDON.

By the three Congregations in *Worship-street,*

Shoreditch, — — — — — 20 8 0

By the Congregation in *Church Lane, White*

Chapel, — — — — — 24 1 6

44 9 6

By one Year's Dividend on the Funded

Stock, — — — — — 121 13 6

166 3 0

Brought over ... 166 3 0

Collected in the COUNTIES.

By the Congregation at Afterly

Berkhamstead,	—	—	1 1 0
Boston	—	—	0 10 6
Chatham	—	—	1 14 0
Comingsby	—	—	0 10 6
Cranbrook	—	—	2 8 0
Ditcherling	—	—	0 10 0
Ditto last Year	—	—	0 10 0
Dover	—	—	2 0 0
Fleet	—	—	1 11 6
Gosberton	—	—	0 15 0
Headcorn	—	—	2 12 6
Horley	—	—	0 13 6
Horsham	—	—	5 5 0
Hythe	—	—	1 1 0
Mr. William Kingsford	—	—	3 5 0
Maidstone Kent	—	—	2 2 9 1/2
Melbourn Cambridge.	—	—	1 1 0
Monkthorp and Burgh	—	—	1 6 0
Rushall Wilts.	—	—	0 2 0
Smarden and Staplehurst	—	—	1 5 0
Spalding	—	—	0 5 0
Tetney	—	—	0 10 6

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N.B. One Guinea from Wingham by Mr. Kingsford

Half a Guinea from Deal, by Mr. Fenn.

Half a Guinea from Leicester, by Mr. Deacon.

£ 4 4 from the Church at Queenshead and £ 11 6 from Wadsworth by Mr. Dan Taylor.

○ Came too late for Distribution this Year.

Disbursements

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Divided — — — — — 202 6 0

Among the following Ministers and Students,

Barron Thomas, Melbourn, Cambridge.
 Boyce Gilbert, Coningsby, Lincolnshire.
 Bratley John, Tetney, do.
 Clark Law, Monkthorp and Burgh, Lincolnshire.
 Ellis John, Guildford, Surrey.
 Evans Samuel, Wedmore, Somerset.
 Fant Thomas, Gosberton, Lincolnshire.
 Freeman Thomas, Rushall, Wiltshire.
 Goodrick George, Swaffham and Tetford, Norfolk.
 Holybread William,
 Isaac Jacob, Moreton-Hamstead, Devon.
 Isaac Daniel, Craigsayod.
 Kelsey William, Knipton, Leicestershire.
 Kingsford George, Ramsgate, Kent.
 Neal Samuel, Chatham, Kent.
 Norton Charles, Caldwell.
 Palmer Nathaniel, fenn, Oxted, Surrey.
 Philpot Stephen, Dover, Kent.
 Pickering Nathaniel, Castle Donington, Lincolnshire.
 Proud John, Wisbeach or Norwich, Norfolk.
 Proud Joseph, Norwich, do.
 Prowit Edward, Newcastle.
 Rowcliffe Robert, Duke Street, Southwark.
 Sargent David, Nutfield, Surrey.
 Scott Joseph Chatteris, Cambridgeshire.
 Seaton Joseph, Chatham, &c. Kent.
 Sexton Edward, Chessham, Bucks.
 Smith John, Ditcherling Suffex.
 Sturch John, Isle of Wight.
 Sutcliff John, Birch's Cliff, Yorkshire.
 Taylor John, Queenshead, Yorkshire.

Thrusfell;

Thruffell William, Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire.

Twining Thomas, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Wade Thomas, Kilsby, Northamptonshire.

Wells, near Yarmouth,

Wiche John, Maidstone, Kent.

Wright John, Afterley, Lincolnshire.

To Students for Books.

Basset Anthony, Staplehurst, 3d time.

Burgess William, Halifax, 3d time.

Denman William, Hythe, 2d time.

Doble Jacob, Staplehurst, 1st time.

Ellis Joseph, Bowling Yorksh. 3d time.

Freston Joseph, 3d time.

Huddy David, 1st time.

Palmer Nath. junr. Oxted, 2d time.

Pollard John, Swithland, 2d time.

Sayer Joseph, 2d time.

Unicum Creasey, Cranbrook, 1st time.

N. B. The Society consists of a Treasurer and several other Trustees, in whose names the Capital Fund stands in the Bank of England, and of such Managers as are chosen Annually by the Congregations in *Worship Street, Shoreditch*, and in *Church Lane, White Chapel, London*.

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Present { Mr. Stephen Lowdell, *Southwark Park, Treasurer.*
Trustees. { Mr. John Treacher, *Pater-Noster Row.*
 { Mr. Wm. Starch, *Stanhope Street, Clare Market.*
 { Mr. Porter Ridout, *Christ Church, Surrey.*

*. * Donations for this Charity, how small so ever, will be gratefully accepted by the Trustees

Whoever is desirous of benefiting this Design by their last Wills are desired to do it in the following Manner, viz.

" I give and bequeathe out of my Personal Estate to the
" Treasurer for the Time being of the General Baptist
" Fund in London, of which Stephen Lowdell of *South-*
" *wark Park*, was Treasurer in the Year 1787, the Sum of
Pounds, for the Benefit of that Charity.

